

Alabama Red-bellied Turtle

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DESCRIPTION: The Alabama Red-bellied turtle (*Pseudemys alabamensis*) is also known as the red-belly turtle. It is a large freshwater turtle that grows up to about 13 inches in length. The top of the shell is usually olive, greenish, brown, or black with cream, yellow, orange, or red markings. The bottom is usually cream, yellow, red, or orange with dark markings. The head and legs are dark with yellow striping; the front toenails are long and sharp.



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FORESTRY CONSIDERATIONS: Adherence to Alabama's Best Management Practices for Forestry and following herbicide labels will protect the water habitat of this turtle.

DISTRIBUTION BY COUNTY: This turtle is endemic to the lower Mobile-Tensaw River Delta in Alabama. It is found in Mobile and Baldwin counties, at Dauphin Island, in Weeks Bay and the lower Fish River in Baldwin County, and in the Little River in Monroe County.

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